

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on March 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 263, 3/5/2015; SB 350, 3/5/2015; SB 366, 3/5/2015; SJ 14, 3/5/2015

Executive Action: HB614, HB 620, SJ 14

HEARING ON SB 366**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:19 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 366, Require CHIP coverage of autism spectrum disorder.

EXHIBIT(huh62a01)

00:06:58 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:51 Alyson Ball, Bozeman Special Education PTA
00:10:18 Jennifer Malagrida, Self
00:16:36 Sylvia Danforth, Developmental Education Assistance Program (DEAP)
00:21:18 Kat Patterson, Montana Advocacy Coalition
00:23:42 Shelly Dowdle, ARC Montana
00:27:06 Penny Bartz, Developmental Education Assistance Program (DEAP)
00:31:17 Bobbi Dyrud, Child Development Center
00:35:23 Karlyn Gibbs, Child Development Center
00:38:30 Erin Faulkner, Quality Life Concepts
00:39:08 David Bristow, Family Outreach Inc
00:40:48 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach Inc

EXHIBIT(huh62a02)

00:44:20 Matt Bugni, AWARE Inc
00:44:45 John Metropoulos, AWARE Inc
00:45:16 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana
00:47:25 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association
00:47:50 William Calderhead, MSU Billings
00:48:50 Kathleen Gallacher, Full Circle Counseling

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:51:29 Duane Preshinger, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:57 Rep. Pierson
00:52:26 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS
00:52:39 Rep. Pierson
00:52:52 Sen. Caferro
00:54:05 Rep. Pierson
00:54:15 Sen. Caferro
00:54:49 Chairman Wittich
00:55:20 Sen. Caferro
00:56:04 Rep. Eck
00:57:06 William Calderhead, MSU Billings
00:59:02 Rep. Karjala
00:59:22 Karlyn Gibbs, Child Development Center
01:03:23 Rep. Karjala
01:03:50 Karlyn Gibbs, Child Development Center

01:04:15 Rep. Hill
01:05:20 Sylvia Danforth, DEAP
01:07:33 Rep. Hill
01:08:37 Sylvia Danforth, DEAP
01:09:12 Rep. Pierson
01:09:30 Chairman Wittich
01:10:19 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach
01:14:19 Chairman Wittich
01:15:20 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach
01:16:20 Rep. Doane
01:16:45 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach
01:17:45 Rep. Harris
01:18:43 Sen. Caferro
01:20:02 Rep. Harris
01:20:37 Sen. Caferro
01:20:49 Rep. Eck
01:21:13 Matt Bugni, Aware Inc.
01:21:15 Rep. Eck
01:21:32 Matt Bugni, Aware Inc.
01:22:11 Rep. Eck
01:22:44 Matt Bugni, Aware Inc.
01:23:11 Rep. Eck
01:23:43 Matt Bugni, Aware Inc.
01:23:50 Rep. Hayman
01:24:48 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana
01:26:06 Rep. Mandeville
01:26:52 Sen. Caferro
01:27:13 Rep. Pierson
01:27:35 Sen. Caferro
01:28:50 Rep. Karjala
01:29:42 Sylvia Danforth, DEAP
01:30:43 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS
01:31:46 Rep. Hayman
01:32:17 William Calderhead, MSU Billings
01:33:47 Chairman Wittich
01:34:06 Sen. Caferro
01:34:36 Chairman Wittich
01:34:44 Sen. Caferro
01:35:07 Chairman Wittich
01:35:30 Sen. Caferro
01:35:49 Chariman Wittich
01:36:07 Sen. Caferro
01:36:58 Chairman Wittich
01:37:53 Sen. Caferro
01:38:15 Chairman Wittich
01:38:48 Sen. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:35 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:42:23 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 263, Require DPHHS to provide educational materials to medicaid enrollees.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:44:35 Sandy Jankowski, AARP

01:46:47 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:47:33 Duane Preshinger, Department of Health and Humans Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:58 Rep. Eck

01:48:20 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:48:39 Rep. Harris

01:49:17 Sen. Caferro

01:49:32 Rep. Wagoner

01:50:08 Sen. Caferro

01:50:14 Rep. Doane

01:50:40 Sen. Caferro

01:51:30 Chairman Wittich

01:51:38 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:51:45 Chairman Wittich

01:52:05 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:52:50 Chairman Wittich

01:53:18 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:53:31 Chairman Wittich

01:53:53 Sen. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:11 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SJ 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:55:45 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 14, Resolution to support May as ALS Awareness Month and urge research.

[EXHIBIT\(huh62a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:05:17 Rep. Pierson
02:05:33 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:52 Sen. Thomas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 14

02:06:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SJ 14 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Olszewski will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 614

02:07:12 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 614 DO PASS**.

02:07:39 **Motion:** Rep. Wittich moved that **HB 614 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(huh62a04\)](#)

Discussion:

02:08:25 Chairman Wittich
02:09:26 Rep. Hill
02:09:42 Chairman Wittich
02:10:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote.

02:12:37 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 614 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:10:35 Rep. Hill
02:11:02 Rep. Hayman
02:11:24 Chairman Wittich
02:12:57 Rep. Harris

02:14:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Jacobson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 620

02:15:01 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 620 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:15:59 Rep. Redfield
02:16:04 Rep. Eck
02:16:09 Rep. Redfield
02:16:53 Rep. Hill
02:18:03 Rep. Redfield
02:18:32 Chairman Wittich
02:18:50 Rep. Redfield
02:19:29 Rep. Wagoner

02:19:56 Chairman Wittich
02:20:58 Rep. Redfield
02:21:30 Chairman Wittich
02:21:35 Rep. Harris
02:21:45 Chairman Wittich
02:22:38 Rep. Hayman

02:23:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jacobson voted by proxy.

02:23:53 Rep. Mandeville
02:24:24 Chairman Wittich

HEARING ON SB 350

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:25:05 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 350, Revise laws related to health insurance navigators.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:27:56 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:29:04 Jeannie Keller, State Auditor's Office

[**EXHIBIT\(huh62a05\)**](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:35:46 Rep. Harris
02:35:59 Jeannie Keller, State Auditor's Office
02:36:24 Chairman Wittich
02:36:46 Jeannie Keller, State Auditor's Office
02:37:16 Chairman Wittich
02:37:45 Jeannie Keller, State Auditor's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

02:38:20 Sen. Smith
02:39:40 Chairman Wittich

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:39:58

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh62aad.pdf](#))